



During construction of a new building a building. The final product is the embodiment of the greenhouse gasses emitted during the construction process. But on day one of completion the building products used in the project begin to deteriorate. There is no building material that can last forever. Time and usage will always wear them down. When buildings reach the end of their "usable" life span they are typically torn down and the material waste is sent to a landfill. Many of those materials are man made products that contain dangerous chemicals that leach into the land

Building are typically thought of in terms of their own lifespans, typically ranging from 30-60 years in the US., but the materials used throughout a building have their own finite lifespans that vary widely depending on where they occur in the building envelope.

FOUNDATION

100+ Years

Given the placement of these building elements below grade the material needs to be resilient and able to stand up to moisture, temperature, and seismic exposures. Typical foundations are cast in place concrete that is buried in the ground and results in significant disruption to the above grade and below grade ecosystems.

STRUCTURE

50+ Years

The term structure is used to encompass a wide range of materials all used to create the framework of a building upon which interior and exterior finishes are applied. This is another relatively inaccessible layer of a building but not to the extent of a typical foundation. In most instances a buildings structure can be removed and reused in another building.

ENCLOSURE

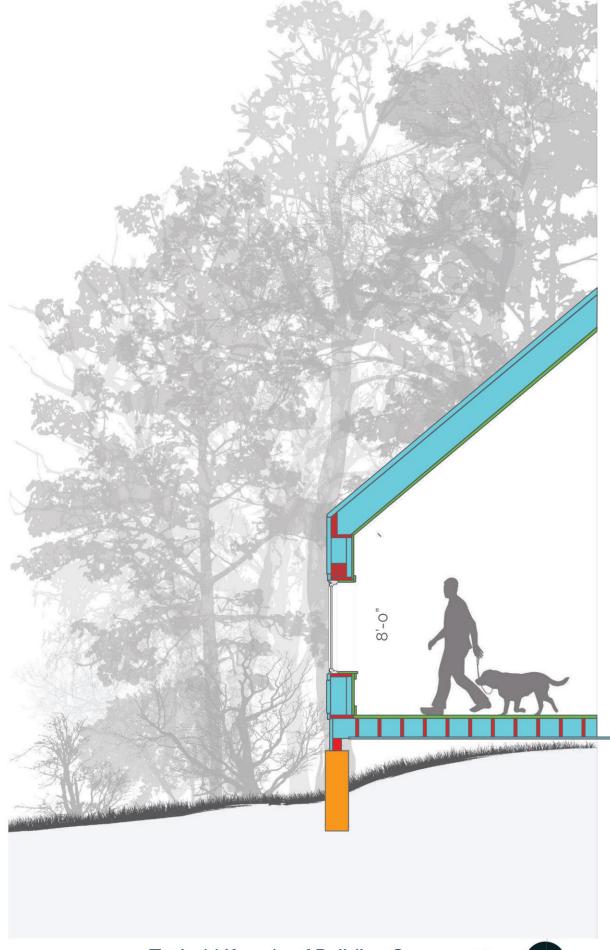
30+ Years

Exterior facade elements are designed to resist exposure to nature's elements but even the most robust materials will break down with repeated exposure to sun, precipitation, and wind. It is almost certain that the facade will be renovated or even replaced at least one time during the typical life of a building.

INTERIORS

10+ Years

This term is being used a a catch all for all of the finishes, furniture, and items that are placed in a building for daily use. These are the items with the shortest lifespan due to the wear and tear that we place on them during daily living. The interior of a building will most likely be renovated multiple times during its lifetime.







Existing vegetation outside the limits of disturbance will remain untouched and we intend to limit the removal of vegetation within the limits of disturbance to nly the amount needed for efficient construction activities.



By utilizing *a prefabricated panel system* we are already prepared for disassembly when the time comes for the buildings to be deconstructed...



The new buildings on campus will be designed to a residential scale with heights not to exceed 24'-0" to ensure they are not visually imposing to the surrounding community.



To minimize below grade disturbance we are also proposing **shallow** pier footings as opposed to a spread footing and continuous foundation wall.



By supporting a structured floor on point loded pier footings we are able to avoid grading large portions of the site. The result is that the building will appear to hover just above the ground and the natural landscape will be allowed to exist undisturbed.

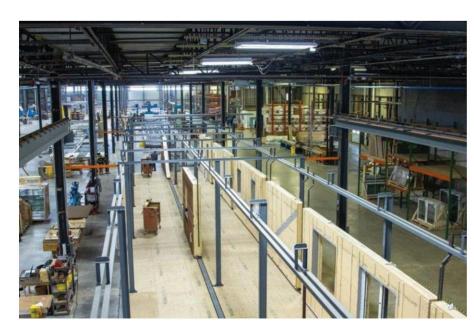




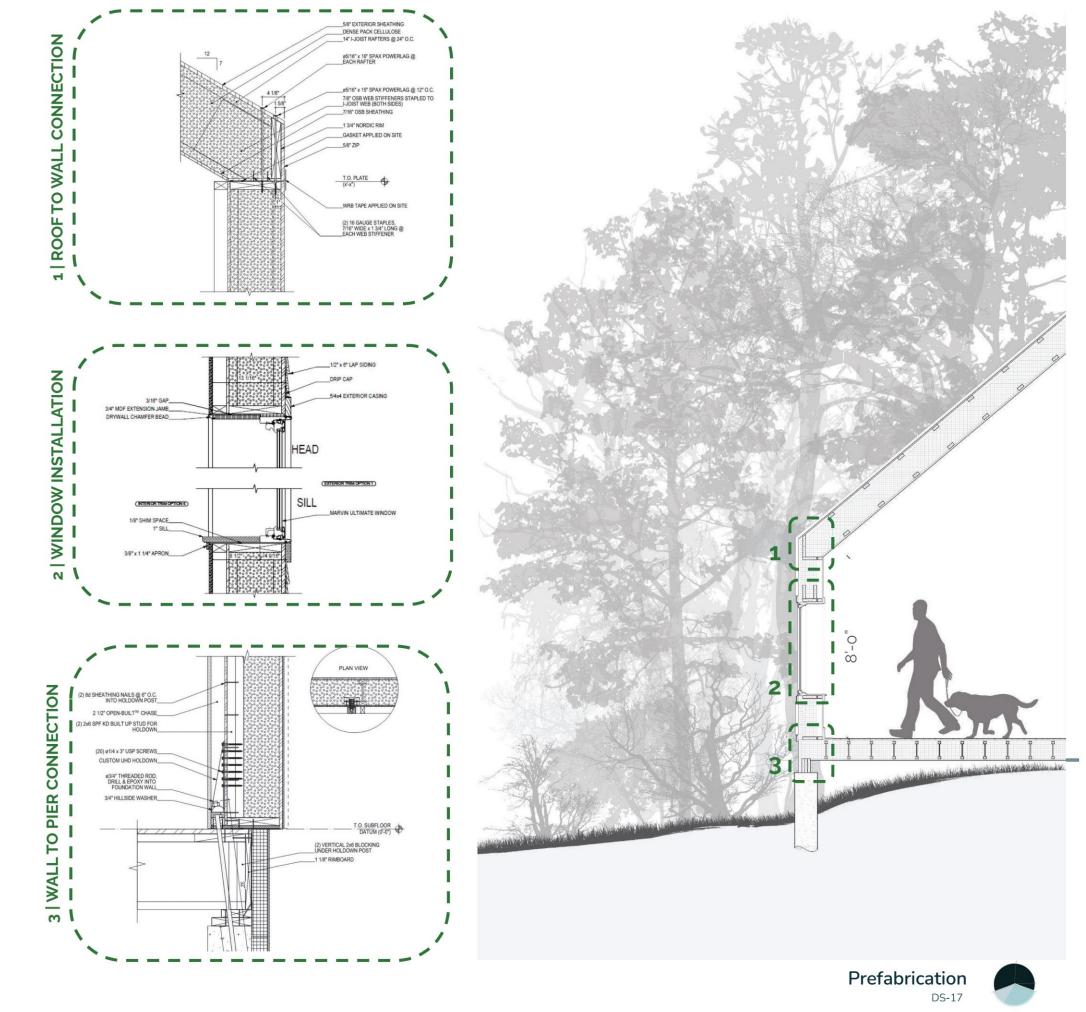
The buildings on the SDV campus are being planned with low impact design principles to ensure that the existing ecosystem and topography are allowed to remain in the most natural state feasible.

To ensure that the design can be reversed we propose a series of strategies that start with the selection of a prefabricated panelized building system called Tektoniks.

Tektoniks building enclosures are a system-based solution for high performance multifamily, custom residential, commercial and institutional projects. All systems are produced off-site on automated, precision production lines. Each building system is based on a flexible assembly to help architects, engineers, builders, and developers design and build according to their programming needs and unsurpassing energy performance goals.



- -By utilizing a prefabricated building system we are able to limit the duration and intensity of on site construction activities.
- -With the bulk of waste producing construction taking place inside a controlled production facility we are also able to mitigate on site waste from construction activities.



When planning for disassembly it is critical to consider 5 key principles:



MATERIALS

Choose materials with properties that ensure they can be reused.

- -Quality Use materials of a high quality that can handle several life cycles.
- -Healthy Use non-toxic materials to provide a healthy environment now and in the future.
- -Pure Use as pure materials as possible, which can recycled with ease.



SERVICE LIFE

Design the building with the whole lifetime of the building in mind.

- -Layers Make the long lasting building elements allow for flexibility, so other elements are easily changed.
- -Flexibility Make a flexible building design that allows the functions to adapt and change in the future.
- **-Interim** Think of the building as a temporary composition of materials and design with the preservation of material value in mind.



STANDARDS

Design a building the fits into a 'larger context' system.

- -Modularity Use modular systems where elements easily can be replaced.
- -Prefabrication Use prefabricated elements for a quicker and more secure assembly and disassembly.
- **-Components** Create a component when the composition of elements becomes too complex to handle



CONNECTIONS

Choose reversible connections that can tolerate repeated assembly and disassembly.

- -Accessible Make the connection accessible in order to minimize assembly and disassembly time.
- -Mechanical Use mechanical joints for easy assembly and disassembly without damaging the materials.
- -Dissolvable Avoid binders, but if necessary, use binders that are dissolvable.



DECONSTRUCTION

As well as creating a plan for construction, design the building for deconstruction.

- -Strategy Create a simple plan for deconstruction, to ensure a quick and easy disassembly process.
- -Stability Make sure that stability in the building is maintained during deconstruction.
- -Environment Ensure the deconstruction plan is respectful to the nearby buildings, people and nature.

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